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GUIDE FOR OVERSEAS JUDGES JUDGING IN NEW ZEALAND

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Standards of the Breed

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Breeds Recognised by the New Zealand Kennel Club

GROUP 1. TOYS

Affenpinscher
 Australian Silky Terrier
 Bichon Frise
 Bolognese
 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
 Chihuahua (Long Coat)
 Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)
 Chinese Crested Dog
 English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan)
 Griffon Bruxellois
 Havanese
 Italian Greyhound
 Japanese Chin
 King Charles Spaniel
 Lowchen
 Maltese
 Miniature Pinscher
 Papillon
 Pekingese
 Pomeranian
 Pug
 Yorkshire Terrier

GROUP 2. TERRIERS

Airedale Terrier
 American Staffordshire Terrier
 Australian Terrier
 Bedlington Terrier
 Border Terrier
 Bull Terrier
 Bull Terrier (Miniature)
 Cesky Terrier
 Cairn Terrier
 Dandie Dinmont Terrier
 Fox Terrier (Smooth)
 Fox Terrier (Wire)
 German Hunting Terrier
 Glen of Imaal Terrier
 Irish Terrier
 Jack Russell Terrier
 Kerry Blue Terrier
 Lakeland Terrier
 Manchester Terrier
 Norfolk Terrier
 Norwich Terrier
 Parson Jack Russell Terrier
 Scottish Terrier
 Sealyham Terrier
 Skye Terrier
 Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
 Staffordshire Bull Terrier
 Tenterfield Terrier
 Welsh Terrier
 West Highland White Terrier

GROUP 3. GUNDOGS

Brittany
 Bracco Italiano
 Cesky Fousek
 German Shorthaired Pointer
 German Wirehaired Pointer
 Hungarian Vizsla
 Italian Spinone
 Lagotto
 Large Munsterlander Pointer
 Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)
 Retriever (Curly Coated)
 Retriever (Flat-coated)
 Retriever (Golden)
 Retriever (Labrador)
 Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)
 Setter (English)
 Setter (Gordon)
 Setter (Irish)
 Setter (Irish Red & White)
 Spaniel (Clumber)
 Spaniel (Cocker)
 Spaniel (Cocker. American)
 Spaniel (Field)
 Spaniel (Irish. Water)
 Spaniel (Springer. English)
 Spaniel (Spring. Welsh)
 Spaniel (Sussex)
 Spanish Water Dog
 Weimaraner

GROUP 4. HOUNDS

Afghan Hound
 Basenji
 Basset Fauve de Bretagne
 Basset Hound
 Beagle
 Bluetick Coonhound
 Bloodhound
 Borzoi
 Dachshund (Long Haired)
 Dachshund (Smooth Haired)
 Dachshund (Wire Haired)
 Dachshund (Miniature Long Haired)
 Dachshund (Miniature Smooth Haired)
 Dachshund (Miniature Wire Haired)
 Deerhound
 Elkhound
 Finnish Spitz
 Foxhound
 Grand Bassett Griffon Vendeen
 Greyhound
 Hamiltonstovare
 Harrier
 Ibizan Hound
 Irish Wolfhound
 Otter Hound
 Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
 Pharaoh Hound
 Portuguese Podengo
 Rhodesian Ridgeback
 Saluki or Gazelle Hound
 Sloughi
 Whippet

GROUP 5. WORKING DOGS

Anatolian Shepherd Dog
 Australian Cattle Dog
 Australian Kelpie
 Australian Shepherd
 Bearded Collie
 Beauceron
 Belgian Shepherd (Groenendael)
 Belgian Shepherd (Laekenois)
 Belgian Shepherd (Malinois)
 Belgian Shepherd (Tervueren)
 Bergamasco Shepherd Dog
 Border Collie
 Bouvier des Flandres
 Briard
 Collie (Rough)
 Collie (Smooth)
 Dutch Shepherd Dog
 Finnish Lapphund
 German Shepherd Dog
 Hungarian Puli
 Komondor
 Kuvasz
 Maremma Sheepdog
 Norwegian Buhund
 Old English Sheepdog
 Polish Lowland Sheepdog
 Pyrenean Shepherd Dog (LH)
 Pumi
 Shetland Sheepdog

GROUP 6. UTILITY

Akita
 Alaskan Malamute
 Bernese Mountain Dog
 Black Russian Terrier
 Boxer
 Bullmastiff
 Canadian Eskimo Dog
 Central Asian Shepherd
 Dobermann
 Dogue de Bordeaux
 Estrella
 Fila Brasileiro
 German Pinscher
 Italian Corso Dog
 Japanese Akita
 Kangal Dog
 Leonberger
 Mastiff
 Neapolitan Mastiff
 Newfoundland
 Portuguese Water Dog
 Pyrenean Mastiff
 Pyrenean Mountain Dog
 Rottweiler
 Saint Bernard
 Samoyed
 Schnauzer
 Schnauzer (Giant)
 Schnauzer (Miniature)

GROUP 7. NON-SPORTING

Boston Terrier
 Bulldog
 Canaan Dog
 Chow Chow
 Dalmatian
 Eurasier
 French Bulldog
 German Spitz (Klein)
 German Spitz (Mittel)
 Great Dane
 Japanese Spitz
 Keeshond
 Lhasa Apso
 Peruvian Hairless (Small)
 Peruvian Hairless (Medium)
 Peruvian Hairless (Large)
 Poodle (Miniature)
 Poodle (Standard)
 Poodle (Toy)
 Schipperke
 Shar Pei
 Shih Tzu
 Tibetan Spaniel
 Tibetan Terrier
 Xoloitzcuintle

Stumpy-Tail Cattle Dog
Swedish Lapphund
Swedish Vallhund
Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)
Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)
White Swiss Shepherd Dog

Shiba Inu
Siberian Husky
Spanish Mastiff
Tibetan Mastiff

EXTRACTS FROM NEW ZEALAND KENNEL CLUB SHOW REGULATIONS

(Numbers are the Show Regulation Numbers)

4. JUDGES AND JUDGING APPOINTMENTS

- 4.6** All overseas Judges require prior approval of the Executive Council. The procedure for obtaining approval is as follows:-
- 4.6.1** All Judges resident in Australia shall be approved to judge at Championship and Open Shows in New Zealand if they are listed on the latest Australian National Kennel Council Official Judges Listing as eligible to award Challenges for the breeds to be judged and to judge the Groups or Best in Show (if appropriate) by naming them in the Official Schedule submitted for approval in accordance with these regulations. If they are not so listed then specific approval must be sought by applying in writing at least six months prior to the show. In exceptional cases late applications can be made.
- 4.6.2** For all other Judges, application must be made in writing at least six months prior to the show. In exceptional cases late applications can be made.

Note Overseas judges are only permitted to judge at Open Shows for Specialist breed clubs. To gain this approval they must be acknowledged specialists in the breed. In no circumstances are overseas judges permitted to judge at Ribbon Parades

- 4.7** No Judge may be timetabled to judge more than 250 dogs per day at any show or shows. This limitation will also apply to dogs entered in Stakes and Classes under the same judge where the judge has not already judged the dog in a previous class. Save for the National Dog Show, under no circumstances, will approval be given by the New Zealand Kennel Club for any Judge to be timetabled to judge more than 250 dogs per day. Any dogs entered at a show or shows in excess of this figure for any one Judge must be allotted to another Judge, the appointment of any such additional Judge to the show to be approved by the New Zealand Kennel Club prior to the date of the show. this regulation does not apply to Agility Fixtures
- 4.8** At any Championship or Open Show a Judge may only accept additional appointments for the same breeds or groups already accepted in the same Island and within a radius of 325 kilometres during the period of three calendar months either side of the date of a Championship or Open Show already accepted if prior to acceptance he obtains the consent of both Societies concerned to the acceptance of such additional appointment.
- 4.9** The New Zealand Kennel Club Judging Contract form must be used by all clubs for invitations to judge at Championship Shows, Open Shows, Ribbon Parades, Obedience Tests, Obedience Open Trials, Obedience Ribbon Trials, Agility Events and Agility Ribbon Trials in New Zealand. Contracts for overseas Judges to judge in New Zealand should be made directly with the Judge concerned by correspondence and are subject to the Judge being approved to judge in New Zealand.
- 4.13** When judging a neutered dog in classes for which they are eligible the provision in every standard stating "Note: Male dogs should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum" shall not apply.

6. DEFINITIONS OF BREED CLASSES PERMITTED AT ALL BREED, GROUP, MULTI-BREED AND SPECIALIST CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND OPEN SHOWS.

6.1 BREED CLASSES

- 6.1.1** No dog may be shown at a Recognised Show under the age of three months.
- 6.1.2** In estimating the number of prizes won, all wins previous to the midnight preceding the day specified in the Schedule for closing entries shall be counted when entering for any class.
- 6.1.3** Definitions and class identifying number.
Dog Classes state number only; Bitch Classes state the number followed by 'a'.
- Class No. 1: 'Baby Puppy Dog' - No. 1a 'Baby Puppy Bitch' (For dogs or bitches three and under six months of age, on the first day of the show).
- Class No. 2: 'Minor Puppy Dog' - No. 2a 'Minor Puppy Bitch' (For dogs or bitches six and under nine months of age on the first day of the show).
- Class No. 3: 'Puppy Dog' - No. 3a 'Puppy Bitch' (For dogs or bitches six and under twelve months of age on the first day of the show).
- Class No. 4: 'Novice Dog' - No. 4a 'Novice Bitch' (For Novice dogs that have not won a first prize except in a Baby Puppy Class under six months of age at any Open or Championship Show, up to the time of closing of general entries at any Recognised Show whatsoever).
- Class No. 5: 'Junior Dog' - No. 5a 'Junior Bitch' (For dogs or bitches twelve and

- under twenty four months of age on the first day of the show).
- Class No. 6: 'Intermediate Dog' - No. 6a 'Intermediate Bitch' (For dogs or bitches twenty four months of age and under thirty six months of age on the first day of the show).
- Class No. 7: 'Limit Dog' - No. 7a 'Limit Bitch' (For dogs or bitches which have not won more than four Challenge Certificates up to the time of closing of general entries at any Recognised Championship Show. Overseas Champions cannot compete in Limit Class in New Zealand).
- Class No. 8: 'New Zealand Bred Dog' - 'New Zealand Bred Bitch' (Open to any dogs or bitches born in New Zealand).
- Class No. 9: 'Stud Dog' (For dogs which have sired one or more registered litters) - No. 9a 'Brood Bitch' (For bitches which have whelped one or more registered litters).
- Class No. 10: 'Veteran Dog' - No. 10a 'Veteran Bitch' (For dogs or bitches seven years or over on the first day of the show).
- Class No. 11: 'Open Dog' - No 11a 'Open Bitch' (for any dogs or bitches over the age of four months) The above class identification numbers for breed classes for dogs and bitches must be used on Show Schedules, to identify the breed class.

7. DEFINITIONS OF STAKES CLASSES PERMITTED AT ALL BREED, GROUP, MULTI-BREED AND SPECIALIST CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND OPEN SHOWS.

7.1 General.

- 7.1.1** Clubs may only hold the Stakes Classes permitted under these Regulations at any Recognised Show.
- 7.1.2** Unless specifically exempted all dogs entered into a Stakes Class must be entered into a breed class. Neutered Dogs and Spayed bitches exhibited at Championship Shows are specifically exempted from the provisions of this sub-clause. At Championship shows where Obedience Tests are also scheduled it is not necessary for a dog to be entered in a breed class to compete in an obedience test.
- 7.1.3** Any Stakes Class may be divided by either age, sex or variety but under no circumstances will the winners of each division be permitted to compete for a Best of Stakes.
- 7.1.8** The club when contracting an overseas judge to officiate in a Stakes Class must forward a list of all Stakes Classes to be judged at the time of issuing the invitation.

7.2 Standard Stakes Classes.

A. Imported

For dogs bred outside New Zealand.

B. New Zealand Bred

For dogs bred in New Zealand

C. Local

For dogs residing within a radius of 55 kilometres of the show.

D. Visitors

For dogs residing outside a radius of 55 kilometres of the show.

E. Members

For dogs belonging to current financial members of the club only.

F. Field Trial

For dogs which have won prizes, awards of honour, diplomas of merit or certificates of merit in actual competition at a Field Trial held under the rules of the New Zealand Gundog Trial Association, such class to be judged on conformation only.

G. Retrieving Trial

Open to any Gundog as listed under these regulations, and may be of a single or double bird retrieve on land as defined by the New Zealand Gundog Trial Association.

H. Brace

For two exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed or variety belonging to the same exhibitor either wholly or in co-ownership and handled by one handler.

I. Team Class

For three or more exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed or variety belonging to the same exhibitor either wholly or in co-ownership.

J. Bred and Owned

For two or more exhibits which must have been bred by and currently owned by the exhibitor.

K. Parent and Progeny

Not less than three, excluding sire or dam to enter this class. The sire or dam if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

L. Lineage

To include a minimum of five and not more than eight exhibits, one to be a grandparent, at least two to be the direct offspring of that exhibit and the remainder to be the issue of one or more of the aforementioned offspring. Any exhibit, if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

M. Breeders Stakes

Open to Breeders of any one breed, three to a maximum of five dogs or bitches not necessarily owned by the breeder but must carry the one kennel name. Any exhibit, if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

N. Group Stakes

Group Stakes may be held at Group or All Breed Shows. A Group Stake may be included in a show schedule only if an equivalent breed class is held.

O. All Breed Stakes

All Breed Stakes may be held at All Breed Shows. All Breed Stakes with the exception of Baby Puppy Sweepstakes may not be held at Championship Shows unless the club appoints at least two judges to officiate and an equivalent breed class is held.

P. Baby Puppy Sweepstakes

Clubs may hold a Baby Puppy Sweepstakes for puppies three to six months which can be judged concurrently with the remainder of the show or at any other time during the show that the committee may decide on.

Q. Champion Stakes

For dogs that are qualified to hold the title Champion.

The dog if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

R. Grand Champion Stakes

For dogs that are qualified to hold the title Grand Champion. The dog if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

S. Veteran Stakes

T. Neutered Dogs. For Neutered Dogs.

U. Spayed Bitches. For Spayed Bitches.

For dogs over the age of seven years. The dog need not have been entered in any breed class.

7.3 Stake Classes Based on Physical Attributes.

Specialist Breed Clubs may hold Stake Classes based on sex, variety, height, weight and/or anatomical, coat and/or colour descriptions. Any such class must be judged on the description only as defined in the New Zealand Kennel Club Standard for that breed. A dog if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

7.4 Condition And Presentation Classes.

Other classes permitted to be held are:-

Coursing condition, hunting condition, personality, grooming, presentation, racing condition and show condition.

The manner of adjudicating classes in this section will be at the sole discretion of the judge.

7.5 Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches at Championship Shows.

A Neutered dog or Spayed bitch can be exhibited in any stake class for which they are eligible at any Championship Show. This clause shall not permit the exhibition of Neutered Dogs or Spayed Bitches in any Breed Class at any Championship Show.

7.7 Other Permitted Classes.

A club may apply to the Executive Council to hold any further classes.

7.8 Handler Classes.

Handler Classes can be held at any show without prior scheduling.

7.9 Parades Displays And Other Exhibitions.

Parades, Displays and other Exhibitions are permitted at shows provided no judging takes place at these events.

8. JUNIOR DOG HANDLER CLASS

- 8.1 This class will be for young persons twelve years of age and under seventeen years of age on the day of the show. The conditions under which Junior Dog Handler Class will be held at Recognised Shows only are that the Judge will consider:-
- (i) The ability of the handler to control the exhibit.
 - (ii) The ability of the handler in 'setting up' the dog as an exhibit.
 - (iii) The ability of the handler to 'gait' the dog at a desirable pace for the Judge.
 - (iv) The dress and ring demeanour of the handler.
- 8.2 The quality of the dog will not be taken into account by the Judge.
- 8.3 Junior Dog Handler Class may be judged by a person or persons other than a Judge on the official list of Judges for the particular Recognised Show.
- 8.4 Child handler class for children aged seven and under twelve years may be organised by clubs under conditions laid down by the club.
- 8.5 There will be no levy payable to New Zealand Kennel Club for Handler Classes.
- 8.6 Any National Junior Dog Handler Competition shall be conducted under special regulations set by the Executive Council for the conduct of such competition.

10. SHOW ENTRY

- 10.11 A dog may be entered in one breed class only at Championship Shows conducted by All Breed and Group Clubs. Unless otherwise stated in the schedule a dog may be entered in more than one class at Championship Shows conducted by Multi-Breed and by Specialist Breed Clubs, or at Open Shows and Ribbon Parades conducted by any club.
- 10.16 The entry forms for all neutered dogs and spayed bitches at any Open show or Championship Show shall be endorsed with the letter "D" (denoting "d-sexed") after the NZKC Registered number.

11. LIST OF BREEDS FOR JUDGE

As soon as possible but no later than 10 days before the first day of the show, the Show Secretary shall forward to each judge appointed to officiate at the show a list of breeds in respect of which entries have been received, together with the number of dogs entered in each breed.

12. JUDGING TIMETABLES

- 12.1 All exhibitors at All Breed, Group and Multi-breed Club Championship and Open Shows must be sent a judging timetable, giving a reporting time for each Group or Breed. A list of breeds in the order of judging together with the number of entries in each breed is to be included in the timetable. At any other show where the time for commencing of judging is not included in the schedule exhibitors must be informed of the same.
- 12.2 The order in which breeds are judged may only be changed under exceptional circumstances arising beyond the control of the club conducting the show and at the discretion of the Show Manager.

13. JUDGING ORDER

Judging at Championship Shows and Open Shows must take place strictly in the following order:-

- 13.1 The breed classes for dogs will be judged in the numerical order as presently laid down in Regulation 6 hereof, At the conclusion of Judging Class 11, Open Dog, the unbeaten winners of the breed classes for dogs will be presented to the Judge for the judging of Best Dog then the second placed dog in the class from which the winner came will be brought in to compete with the remaining Class winners for Reserve Best Dog. After the Judge has selected his winners, but not before, he may (if appropriate) award a Challenge Certificate, and if the case merits it, a Reserve Challenge Award.
- 13.2 The breed classes for bitches will then be judged in exactly the same order as detailed above for dogs. After the Judge has selected his winners but not before, he may (if appropriate) award a Challenge Certificate, and if the case merits it, a Reserve Challenge Award.
- 13.3 After judging of Best Bitch and Reserve Best Bitch, the Judge will then judge Best of Breed, followed by Reserve Best of Breed, followed by the remainder of all scheduled classes in ascending numerical order excluding classes 9 and 9A which are not judged against each other.
- 13.4 The judging of Best of Group etc, will be judged at the conclusion of judging in the following order: - Best of Group and Reserve Best of Group, followed by the Best of Group for all scheduled classes in ascending numerical order.
- 13.5 Any Best of Variety Awards for Breeds in a particular Group will be judged after the conclusion of judging Best of Group etc., as detailed in sub-paragraph 13.4 above. The judging of Group Stakes will follow the judging of any Best of Variety Awards for breeds in the respective Group.

Group Stakes will be judged as detailed above.

- 13.6 The judging of Best in Show etc. will take place at the conclusion of judging in the last Group in the Show and will be judged in the following order: - Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show, followed by the Best in Show for all scheduled classes in ascending numerical order.
- 13.7 Winners of Best or Reserve Best of Breed, Group and in Show level are automatically winners of their particular class (if applicable).
- 13.8 There will be no award of Best Opposite Sex at any Championship Show.
- 13.9 The provisions relating to judging order shall apply to the New Zealand Kennel Club's National Dog Show.

14. RING EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 Breed Standards. A copy of the New Zealand Kennel Club Official Standards of the Breeds for every breed being judged by each judge must be available in the ring for the judges reference at the time of judging.
- 14.2 Tables. In every ring of a Championship or Open Show where a judge is entitled to ask for an exhibit to be tabled the Show Committee shall provide a stable table, with a non-slip surface of a suitable size. Under no circumstances shall it be permissible for two rings to share a table whilst judging is proceeding in both rings.
- 14.3 Any Society conducting a Championship Show which includes the judging of Poodles shall have available at the ringside for the use of the judge an official bridge type measure as approved and issued by the New Zealand Kennel Club and shall provide a level hard surface for the measuring of Poodles.

15. SHOW CATALOGUES

- 15.2 In the case of all Championship Shows catalogues shall include the following details:
 - (i) Registered name of dog.
 - (ii) Registered number of dog. Neutered Dogs and Spayed bitches shall be designated with the letter "D" (denoting "de-sexed") after their number.
 - (iii) Sex of dog.
 - (iv) Date of birth of dog.
 - (v) Sire and dam of dog.
 - (vi) Name of Breeder(s).
 - (vii) Name(s) and New Zealand Kennel Club Membership Number(s) of owner(s) of dog.
- 15.7 Clubs must within 14 days of the date of the show forward to each of the judges officiating at the show marked catalogue detailing results and details of Challenges and awards made by that judge.

17. PREPARATION OF DOGS FOR EXHIBITION

- 17.1 A dog shall be disqualified from winning or receiving a prize at any show held under New Zealand Kennel Club Rules, if it be proved to the Committee of the Show or the Executive Council of the New Zealand Kennel Club as the case may be:
 - 17.1.1 That any dye, colouring, tinting, darkening, bleaching, or other matter has been used for the purpose of lacquering or improving the colour, marking or texture of the coat of a dog.
 - 17.1.2 That any cutting, piercing, breaking by force or any kind of operation or act which destroys the tissue of the ears, or colour, or alters the anatomical formation or colour of the dog, or in any part thereof has been practised or anything done calculated in the opinion of the Executive Council of the New Zealand Kennel Club to deceive except in cases of necessary operation which must be certified by a qualified veterinary surgeon. Dew claws may be removed in appropriate breeds, and shortening the tails of dogs where called for in the Standard of the Breeds currently recognised by New Zealand Kennel Club, will not render them liable to disqualification.
- 17.2 Any dog which is suspected of having been prepared for exhibition in contravention of the above regulations may be required to be produced before a Regional Disputes Committee of the New Zealand Kennel Club convened by the President for that purpose which shall have power under this regulation to detain dogs at the expense of the New Zealand Kennel Club for further examination.

18. DRESS OF EXHIBITORS

- 18.1 Any exhibitor whose dress is considered by the Show Manager to be inappropriate or unreasonable may be barred from the ring. No exhibitor will be permitted into the Show Ring with bare feet.
- 18.2 Exhibitors must display only one number in the ring. The number must be fairly large and must be legible. Judges will be instructed to refuse to judge where two visible numbers are worn.

19. EXHIBITION OF DOGS

- 19.1 Weighing of Miniature Dachshunds

- 19.1.1** At all Championship Shows Miniature Dachshunds will be weighed in the assembly area or immediately adjacent to the entry to the ring by the ring steward, the show manager or their representative immediately prior to entry in the ring for judging on a class by class basis. The official weighing the exhibits shall advise the judge of any over-weight exhibits.
- 19.1.2** **19.1.2** Weighing shall be conducted on a weighing machine with a weight tray on which a Miniature Dachshund is capable of standing naturally. The scales shall be of a mechanical or digital manufacture and shall be checked prior to weighing against a standard 5.00 kg weight. It is the responsibility of the club conducting the show to provide scales in accordance with this regulation.
- 19.1.3** The scales shall be placed either on the ground on a stable hard flat surface (not grass) or on a stable table large enough to hold the scales in a stable position.
- 19.1.4** The judge shall advise any exhibitors whose dog is over the weight of 5.00 kgs. The Judge may request that any such dog be re-weighed in their presence.
- 19.1.5** The judge shall have discretion at any time to disqualify any dog that is found to be overweight at the time of weighing. To be declared overweight a dog must weigh more than 5.00 kg.
- 19.2** Height of Toy and Miniature Poodles
- 19.2.1** Before awarding a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge award at a Championship Show to a Toy or Miniature Poodle, the judge may measure the exhibit with the appropriate measure on an approved surface.
- 19.2.2** Any Toy Poodle which is measured pursuant to 19.2.1 above and found to be not under 28 cms in height at the shoulder or any Miniature Poodle which is measured pursuant to 19.2.1 hereof and found to be not under 38 cms in height at the shoulder may not be awarded any Challenge award.
- 19.2.3** The owner of the dog as well as the handler on the day of the Show may be present at the measuring which shall be conducted by and at the discretion of the judge whose decision shall be final.
- 19.3** Dogs Owned Or Shown By Judges
- 19.3.1** No dog may be exhibited at any show under any judges except Obedience shows. Working Trials and Agility fixtures under New Zealand Kennel Club Rules and Regulations if...
- 19.3.1.1** Owned and/or bred the dog within a period of nine months prior to the date of the show.
- 19.3.1.2** Shown the dog in the judging ring at a show, or received, or become entitled to receive any monetary or other reward for grooming, trimming, or tending the dog(with the exception of veterinary treatment) within a period of three months prior to the date of the show.
- 19.7** Late Arrival For Judging.
With the exception of a dog elevated pursuant to clause 19.15.1, no dog will be allowed to enter the ring for judging of the class the dog is entered in after the class has been assembled and passed by the Judges Steward to the Judge to commence judging.
- 19.8** Double Handling
The practice of attracting the attention of a dog from outside the ring is prohibited and judges should take any such conduct into account when making their awards in judging, except at a German Shepherd Dog or Rottweiler Specialist Breed Championship Show where a dog is standing for the individual critique and only with the approval of the club and judge concerned.
- 19.9** Distracting Attention of Exhibits
Persons in or near the vicinity of the ring, are prohibited from deliberately distracting the attention of other exhibits in the ring.
- 19.11** Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches
Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches are disqualified from being shown in Breed Classes at Championship Shows. A certificate of a veterinary inspector appointed by the show committee will be accepted as conclusive evidence in the event of a protest being lodged.
- 19.13** Exclusion of Dogs
- 19.13.1** A Show Committee or Show Manager shall have power to exclude or remove from the show grounds any dog which is owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, not in a fit state for exhibition.
- 19.13.2.** An officiating judge shall have the power to exclude or remove from the ring any dog which is, owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, not in a fit stat for exhibition. Any such exclusion is to be noted immediately on the Judges Award Record Card and initialled by both the Judge and Ring Steward.
- 19.14** Withdrawal from Competition
- 19.14.2** Withdrawal from competition on day of the show.
- 19.14.2.1** A dog after competing in any class at any show may be withdrawn from

competition only with the permission of the Show Manager who shall consider each case in accordance with the following conditions:-

- (i) If a replacement judge is called upon to adjudicate, or if after the commencement of judging the appointed judge is unable to continue.
- (ii) If the dog suffers some injury or illness which prevents it from being exhibited.
- (iii) If, through an emergency beyond the control of the exhibitor that could not be foreseen by the exhibitor at the time of their arrival at the show, the exhibitor is unable to continue competition or is required to leave the show prior to judging.

19.14.2.6 A dog which is withdrawn from competition without permission of the Show Manager will forfeit all prizes and awards won at the show.

19.14.3 Withdrawal from stakes classes.

A dog may be withdrawn from any Stake Class without the Show Manager's permission and without affecting its position in any other class.

19.15 Disqualifications

19.15.1 A dog which is not shown in all classes in which it is entered or eligible to compete by virtue of prior awards will be disqualified from winning any prize or award at the show. A dog will not be deemed absent from a class until the class has been assembled and is about to be passed over by the Judges Steward for the judge to commence judging. At this stage any disqualification can be made and the elevation of a lower placed dog will take effect.

19.15.2 Any dog shown and judged in an incorrect class will be disqualified and will become ineligible to compete in any further class at that show. In the case of a dog entered in a correct class but shown and judged in an incorrect class due to some act or omission by an official of the Society conducting the show or person or persons acting on behalf of that Society, then any placings of classes affected or any awards may be adjusted if practicable, by the Show Manager, provided however, that in no circumstances shall any class or award be rejudged.

19.15.3 After a dog has been disqualified a lower placed dog will only be elevated in the following circumstances:-

19.15.3.1 Where the disqualified dog also won the challenge in which case the Reserve Challenge winner, if any, will become eligible for the Challenge and to compete for Best of Breed if applicable.

19.15.3.2 Where the disqualified dog was awarded Best of Breed in which case the Reserve of Breed winner, if any, will be elevated to Best of Breed and become eligible to compete for Best of Group if applicable.

19.15.3.3 Where the disqualified dog was awarded Best of Group in which case the Reserve of Group winner, if any, will be elevated to Best of Group and become eligible to compete for Best in Show if applicable.

19.15.3.4 Where the disqualified dog was awarded Best in Show in which case the Reserve Best in Show winner, if any, will be elevated to Best in Show.

19.16 Monorchid Or Cryptorchid Dogs

19.16.1 In the case where a Judge discovers a dog over the age of six months is either a monorchid or cryptorchid whilst judging, the Judge should immediately inform the exhibitor and report the dog to the Judge's Steward who shall report the details to the Show Secretary.

20. JUDGES AWARD RECORD CARD

At Championship and Open Shows conducted by All Breeds and Group Clubs, only the official New Zealand Kennel Club Judges Award Record Card may be used. However, the use of the official New Zealand Kennel Club Judges Award Record Card will be optional for Championship and Open Shows conducted by Multi-Breed and Specialist Breed Clubs.

21 JUDGES DECISION

21.1 A Judge's decision shall be deemed to be final at the termination of his judging the class, except in a case of fraud or misrepresentation.

21.2 A Judge shall be empowered to withhold any award, prize, or special prize if, in his opinion, there is lack of sufficient merit, but he must initial the Stewards entry on the Judges Award Record Card that the award, prize or special prize has been withheld.

21.3 Any alteration made by a Judge must be initialled by him, on the Judges Award Record Card.

21.4 Subject to Show Regulation 21.5 hereunder no Judge shall give any commentary, spoken or written on any dog exhibited under him at a Show during the course of that particular Show.

- 21.5** Where a Judge is the sole Judge at a Recognised Show conducted by a Specialist Breed Club a written or spoken commentary may be given by him on dogs exhibited under him in the course of the show provided:
- 21.5.1** The request to give a commentary is made by the club when the invitation to judge the show is issued.
 - 21.5.2** The Judge is completely free to accept or decline such invitation so that giving a commentary shall not be a condition of appointment to judge.
 - 21.5.3** Where a Judge has agreed to give a commentary such information be published in the Show Schedule.

25. REPORTING OF FRAUDULENT OR DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT

The Committee of the fixture must immediately report any case of fraudulent or discreditable conduct which may come under its notice to the Director/Secretary of the New Zealand Kennel Club.

APPENDIX 1

Town	Average Temperatures			
	Max Jan	Max July	Min Jan	Min July
North Island				
Dargaville	24	19	15	11
Auckland	23	19	14	11
Hamilton	24	18	14	8
Rotorua	23	18	12	8
Gisborne	24	19	14	9
Taupo	24	17	11	7
New Plymouth	21	17	13	9
Napier	24	19	13	9
Wanganui	22	18	13	9
Palmerston North	22	17	12	8
Masterton	24	17	12	8
Wellington	20	16	11	8
South Island				
Nelson	22	17	12	7
Westport	20	16	12	8
Hokitika	19	15	12	7
Blenheim	24	18	12	7
Christchurch	2	17	10	6
Timaru	21	16	10	5
Dunedin	19	15	10	6
Gore	21	15	9	5
Invercargill	18	14	9	5

Section Twenty Nine

POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING JUDGING

Between Animal Activist Groups and politicians, the pressures placed on dog ownerships throughout the world, has brought about changes in some breed standards.

Despite being banned by law in numerous countries, Ear Cropping is an acceptable practice throughout America, Asia and parts of Europe. Cropped ears certainly alter the visual perception of the dog, some believe positively and other negatively. It is simply something you will settle into once you commence your appointment.

Tail Docking is the issue of concern currently and Australia has recently joined the list of countries that have banned tail docking. New Zealand breeders and owners are strongly fighting the proposed ban.

The best advice is to simply try and ignore what the tail does AFTER the position you would normally expect the tail to end.

The Kennel Club (UK), have issued instructions on what breeders consider a traditionally docked dogs' tail should look like. These have caused considerable debate and you will appreciate that after hundreds of years of docking, very few will actually know exactly what a full length tail would look like on some breeds.

Breeders are also finding that they are experiencing some litters with kinked or twisted tails? There is no advice given on what a judge should do when confronted with such a tail, but if you follow the advice above and perhaps ignore the excess length.